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FOLLOWING REPEAT RANGOON 2073 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BANGKOK,
DACCA, JAKARTA, NEW DELHI, SINGAPORE, TOKYO & HONG KONG DATED
26 JULY 1974:

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG BM

SUBJECT: ESSO OFFSHORE OIL CONTRACT APPROVED

REF: (A) RANGOON 1959; (B) RANGOON 1478

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. GUB PRESS ON JULY 26 ANNOUNCED APPROVAL
OF OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION CONTRACT BETWEEN MYANMA OIL CORP-
ORATION AND ESSO. ESSO WAS AWARDED MARTABAN BLOCKS 1, 10, 11,
AND 12. ESSO WILL OPERATE IN BURMA UNDER SUBSIDIARY NAME "ESSO
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION BURMA, INC." END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. MOC MANAGING DIRECTOR DR. AUNG
KHIN INFORMED VISITING COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE JULY 25 THAT MOC
WOULD AWARD REMAINING BLOCKS TO SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS IN JANUARY
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3. COMMENT: TWO OF ESSO'S BLOCKS (MARTABAN 1 AND 10) WERE REPORT-
EDLY OFFERED PREVIOUSLY TO THE EUROPEAN GROUP (REF B), WHICH DE-
CLINED TO ACCEPT THEM. THIS SUGGESTS THAT ESSO MAY HAVE ACCEPTED
A RATHER MIXED BAG OF BLOCKS--ALTHOUGH POSSIBLY ESSO'S GEOLOGISTS
VIEW THESE BLOCKS MORE OPTIMISTICALLY THAN DID THE EUROPEANS.
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